

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT A MATTER OF TALK BUT OF POWER”. (I COR. 2:4-5)

We were so encouraged by our first OEM International Staff retreat. Everyone from Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica came together for a great time of prayer, fellowship, planning, and leadership training at the beach home of Eric and Melissa Weber in Salinas Grande, Nicaragua. We re-established our 2010 goals (see our website) and began to look toward 2011 and beyond.

In April we were able to take a team, Jeff Andler Ministries, into the national prison in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and do a 3 day crusade. Many made decisions for Christ and it was a blessed time.

This month, May, we will host a team from Faith Promise Church in Knoxville, TN, lead by Pastor Chris Stephens and Worship leader, Michele Stephens. They will hold a 3 night crusade, concerts, medical clinics, evangelism and much more.

I was honored to bring a message of reconciliation to two (2) groups of pastors who had been at odds with each other for 2 1/2 years. The word of God brought them together again in love and they have begun to work toward common goals and this is truly a miracle. AMEN

All of these countries, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, and El Salvador are so very open to OEM and the vision we bring. As we seek God’s will for our expansion into El Salvador and possibly moving south into Puntarenas, and San Jose, Costa Rica we need your prayer support. As with any growing ministry, we need prayer, resources and more laborers for the fields are ripe with harvest yet the laborers are few.

Schools with Purpose continue to reach 6th graders in Comayagua under the direction of Jasmin Cruz. The feedback has been wonderful. OEM has given the program to Eric Weber in Nicaragua and Edier Valverde in Costa Rica with the hope it will begin soon in these countries.

We have 4 feeding programs in Costa Rica and Honduras and 3 in Nicaragua with the Webers as we continue to feed and reach poor children.

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MISSION TEAMS

Honduras: May 7-14 Faith Promise Church-Crusades and Medical

Costa Rica: June 11-20 Gateway

Nicaragua: May 28-June 4 East Denali

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AN UPDATE FROM THE CROWDERS

We are pleased to report that two (2) people from our small group meetings have given their lives to Christ and we give God all the glory. Experiencing this makes all the effort worthwhile.

We have been busy passing out Bibles and tracts going door to door and in our large and small group meetings.

We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for giving many of the students here the opportunity to attend high school. They would not have been able to further their education without your support.

Our girls, Magnolia, Victory, and Shaylee have performed puppet shows, presenting the gospel in a childlike manner, in several areas. They have been blessed to receive some great assistance from some of the teams and have made many new friends along the way.

We have helped with feeding projects, prison ministries, fiestas, and evangelism. Our mechanics and tutoring classes are still going strong. We have just finished an English class at one church and are preparing to start another in a different church. These are offered free to the community and are used as an outreach tool by the church. We have presented various conferences and have more scheduled in the near future.

We are also very excited to be starting a cell group in our home! This will give us the opportunity to present Christ in a non-threatening environment to those who are unsaved. We are praying that many come to the realization of His saving grace and they will be assimilated into a church setting soon.

We have been in contact with the Honduran child welfare program (IHNFA) and we ask for your prayers as God leads us through open doors to start bringing abandoned or abused children into our home. We are currently looking for a home that would be conducive to this endeavor. We want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers and support. We could not be here without God working through you.

God Bless, Keith, Vickie, Magnolia, Victory, and Shaylee Crowder.

WORD FROM THE WEBERS

All is well in Salinas Grande, Nicaragua. The Webers continue to help and support the local pastors in and around the Salinas Grande area. They are meeting regularly with 9 different local pastors.

With the support from many people in the USA, they continue to feed over 300 people a week in three (3) different churches. Building a relationship with the Pastors has helped to open many doors of opportunity with the local community, churches, and Pastors outside of their city.

Last month before Easter a young girl fell from one of their trucks while Eric was driving. Her head had a deep laceration and she spent many days in the hospital. The local Pastors gathered together around the Webers and cried out to God for healing. One of the Pastors held a 36 hour prayer meeting to pray for the girl and the Webers. PRAISE GOD, the girl was healed with no major problems and glory to God, she and her mother visited the church last week that prayed for them and they both accepted Christ. GOD IS GOOD.

They have hosted 3 large teams so far this year and have seen over 1500 professions of faith. In April all of the OEM staff came to their home for the first ever 3 countries OEM staff retreat. The time together was greatly enjoyed and it was awesome for all to come together in the name of Christ.

The Webers will be in Knoxville for the first 3 weeks of May raising support for the feeding programs, meeting with Pastors, and churches about future teams. They will return to Nicaragua on May 23 when they will have 4 weeks of teams. Please continue to pray for funds to support the many hungry children in their area

Arlene and I will be returning to the U.S. on May 15—July 1. My phone number is 865-256-1591. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing many of you

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